

The Gem-Echo

TAYLOR UNIVERSITY, UPLAND, INDIANA, MARCH 20, 1943

YOUTH CONFERENCE NOW ON

Philo Operetta A Singing Success

Climaxing a month of diligent practice, the Philalethean Literary Society presented to an appreciative audience, the operetta, "The Count and the Co-ed", by Geoffrey O'Hara in the Maytag Gymnasium, Saturday evening, February 27.

The setting of the play was on the campus of Marden College in the Middle West. In the first act preparations were being made for the annual May Day celebration. In the second act the celebration with May Pole Dance and the crowning of the Queen are in progress.

The play centers around Dolly and Snoozie's romance. Dolly, the college president's daughter, falls in love with Snooze Andrews, a comedian in the Glee Club. But her parents heartily disapprove of the association. Snooze proves himself worthy of Dolly by being the helping hand to a foreign count who had planned to visit Marden College. The Count is so overwhelmed by Snooze's assistance that he sends a check for \$50,000 to Dr. McSpadden which completes the endowment fund. Mr. McSpadden offers a reward to Snooze for his great service toward the college. Snooze naturally takes the President's daughter Dolly as his prize, much to the amazement of her parents.

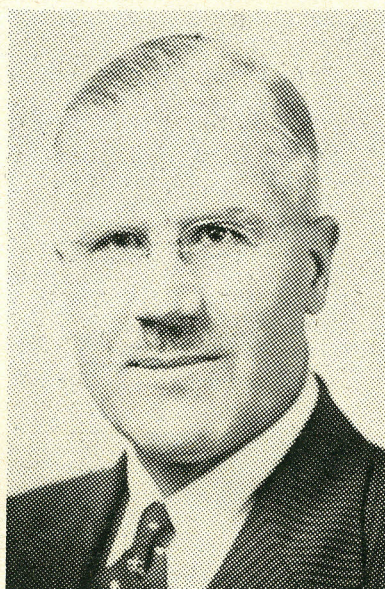
Interwoven with this plot are many smaller details that add romance, comedy and adventure to the operetta. Many melodious, tuneful songs in arrangements for solos, ensembles, and chorus were artistically sung throughout, helping to bring out the clever plot.

Fifteen voices comprised the assisting chorus who sang such harmonious songs as "Marching Marden Men", "For Dear Old Alma Mater", and "A Long, Long Time."

Twelve principals very aptly portrayed their distinctive parts. Sarah Burdon sweetly and simply portrayed the part of Birdie Boggs, Sleepy Carter taken by Clarence Rutschmann took special

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Dr. J. E. Windsor Brings Vital Messages



Dr. J. E. Windsor

The tenth annual Interdenominational Youth Conference is being held from the evening of March 19th to the afternoon of March 21st on our campus.

Ever since the beginning of the year questions have been asked concerning the advisability of holding such a conference. Without hesitation a representative group of the student body was assembled and the 1943 Youth Conference Cabinet was set up. James Bertsche and Norma Hoke were elected Co-chairmen and the work has progressed beautifully under their supervision.

The complete cabinet consists of:

Co-chairmen—Norma Hoke, James Bertsche

Publicity Director—Paul Clasper
Housing Managers—Cecil Smith, Don Yocum.

Prayer Group Leaders—Joyce Burt-

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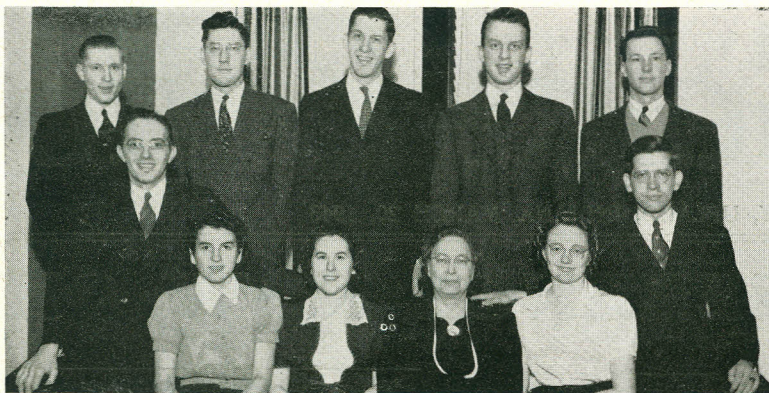
Thalos Put on Mystery Thriller

Suddenly before our very eyes, what seemed to us to be tiger claws reached out and a man disappeared as they slowly withdrew. Perhaps you were on hand Friday evening, February 12th, 1943, in Maytag Gymnasium when the Thalonian Literary Society presented "Tiger House." The play, a novel mystery comedy in three acts, was written by Robert St. Clair and produced under the direction of Prof. W. C. Dennis.

The action of the play takes place upon a large country estate, where "Mystery Manor" is located. The estate, having been left to Erma Lowrie, Nancy Fox, seems to be haunted. Aunt Sophia, Clara Eibner, has a terrible time combatting all the ghosts and robbers who steal her teeth. As the plot becomes more involved Yami, the Hindu, Warren Tropp, seeks to recover the necklace which was stolen by Erma's aunt, and hidden in the manor. Arthur Hale, Reah Daugherty, the villain, seeks not only Erma's hand, but secretly, the jewels, though pretending to protect Erma; Thompson, his accomplice, played by Warren Bergwall, adds to the involving plot. The sudden appearance and disappearance of the Mystery Woman, Martha Nell Wallace, lends further confusion to Erma's muddled mind. The tension is lessened with the appearance of Oswald, Gerald Klinefelter, the bug collector, and Peggy VanNess, Barbara Deich, department store friend of Erma's who babbles constantly concerning the boy friend and her mistreatment. Mrs. Murdock, Esther Watkins, the Scottish maid sees through the disguise of MacIntosh, Philip Hershberger, for she recognizes Erma's great love for him.

After the mysterious picture had lighted several times Arthur helps Erma explore and then the plot begins to unravel. They discover a secret panel, and directions as to where to discover the jewels. Oswald accidentally and simultaneously discovers the

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P. Clasper, J. Bertsche, G. Black, G. Fisher, W. Siktberg
R. Sheesley W. Tropp
J. Burtner, N. Hoke, Miss Guiler, E. Suderman

Holiness League

"He Lives! He Lives! Christ Jesus Lives Today!" Echoing through the halls and rooms of the Ad Building, and across the campus, this joyous news invariably proclaims the fact that another Friday evening has arrived and another Holiness League is in progress. Late comers approaching from dormitory and post office hurry their steps as they hear the climax of this musical testimony—"You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart,"—and therein lies the sum and substance of Holiness League.

Far back in the early history of Taylor University, the need was felt for a student organization which could meet regularly for no other purpose than to honor and glorify God in the singing of His praises and the sharing of His blessings through testimony.

It is evident that Holiness League has played a vital role in the lives of Taylor students through the years. Many organizations have sprung up and rendered noteworthy services, but with the passing of years and changing student needs, they have ceased to function—their usefulness at an end. However, not so with Holiness League. Why? Because Jesus

Christ is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. As long as this world stands and the blood of Calvary avails, the redeemed children of God will rejoice in Christian fellowship; be glad for an opportunity of testimony and welcome heart searching messages fresh from the throne of Heaven.

Much is heard today concerning the red blooded youth of America—the youth who have ideals, goals, and standards, and in addition have the determination, back bone and courage necessary to guarantee the attainment of these same goals.

But, as laudable as are these attributes, they will drop that young person far short of any goal of genuine heart peace and soul satisfaction, unless Christ is recognized and invited into the "control room."

"Holiness Unto the Lord" has come to be something infinitely more real to countless young people than just a familiar motto, an abstract theme, or a sermon text. It has become a practical, workable, and vital way of life to many—and to all who have in sincerity sought God.

Is there a possibility of knowing Christ personally? Can you know sins to be forgiven? May you realize God's hand upon your life? Listen to that testimony ringing from Society Hall—"You ask me how I know He lives, He lives within my heart!"

Ministerial Association

The Ministerial Association, the oldest religious group on the campus, has for its purpose the practical training of both ministers and laymen for all types of Christian service. In our meetings, from time to time, the students bring homilies, offer the pastoral prayer, and read the scripture. A board of critique, headed by Professor Dennis, is organized to offer helpful and constructive suggestions. At various times, we have special speakers who bring lectures on particular phases of the Christian ministry.

The academic majors in the fields of Biblical Literature and Religious Education have a special interest in this organization. It is here that



C. Smith, R. Sheesley, G. Price, E. Suderman, L. Wilson, P. Clasper, K. Robinson
Prof. Dennis, Dr. Charbonnier, Dr. Huffman, Dr. Evans, K. Holdzkom

they find both the spiritual and practical help they need to become effective Christian workers. The meetings which are held in Society Hall on the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month at 6:45 are interesting, inspirational, and profitable to all who attend. The Association has gone forward this year under the direction and sponsorship of Dr. Huffman and Dr. Charbonnier. Dr. Evans, our honorary president,

has also been of much assistance.

The Apostle Paul's advice to Timothy could well be carried to the members of the Ministerial Association as a final word of exhortation: "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." (II Timothy 4:2) In following these words, the Association will find its effectiveness in vital Christian living and service.

Student Volunteer Band

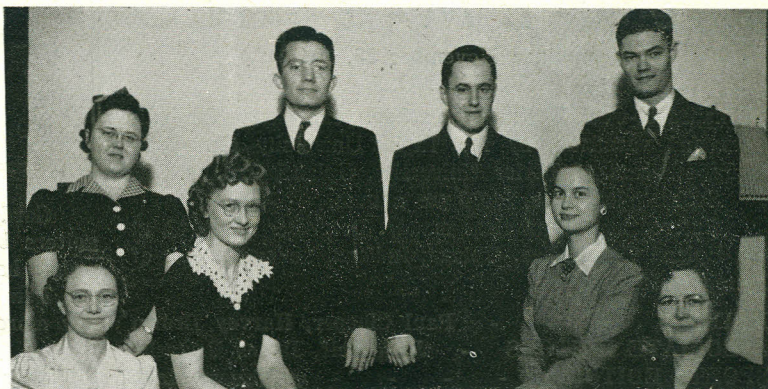
Taylor's Student Volunteer Band has two main purposes: first, "to foster the evangelistic missionary spirit in our colleges," and second, "to promote the spread of the Gospel". Membership is open to any member of the Taylor University student body who is vitally interested in missions. In each of its bi-monthly meetings, the Band has endeavored to "live up" to its purposes.

As a means of fostering "the evangelical missionary spirit in our colleges", the organization has sponsored an open meeting wherein Peter Stam III, Field Secretary of the Student Foreign Missions Fellowship, presented a challenging picture of the need for missionary work today; has conducted an exchange program with the F.M.F. chapter at Marion Col-

lege; has participated in a Missionary Convention at the Marion College Church; and dares hope in the not-too-distant future to present a chapel program. In addition many of our meetings have been devoted to the study of conditions in various fields and several return missionaries have spoken to us.

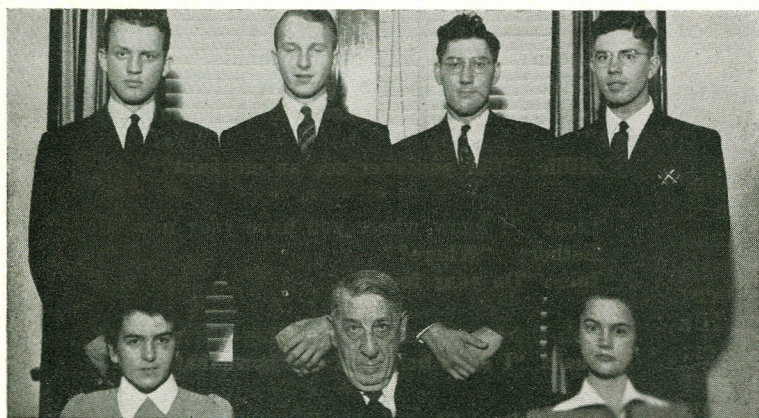
We have endeavored "to promote the spread of the Gospel" by encouraging intercessory prayer for mis-

sionaries and mission work, by raising funds—already over \$135 of a goal of \$200 has been raised and most of this has been sent out to many parts of the world—and by enlisting volunteers for the evangelization of the world. In this latter instance, our whole program has been built around the effort to awaken ourselves and others to the desperate need for and the urgency of spreading the Gospel at home and abroad.



R. Hess G. Bell
E. Suderman, E. Watkins

H. Crecraft P. Whisler
E. Good, Miss Foust



G. Fisher
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J. Siner J. Bertsche
Prof. Dennis

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E. Good

Prayer Band

"Prayer changes things." This is the motto and thrilling testimony of Prayer Band.

Because prayer has always been a vital part of this university, Taylor is what she is today. We, of Prayer Band, believe that the success of our school tomorrow will depend upon the

prayers of today. We know that Taylor's great spiritual heritage came from such men as Bishop William Taylor and Sammy Morris, men who often talked with their Heavenly Father, men whom God honored and mightily used in the spreading of the Gospel and the upbuilding of His kingdom here on earth.

The Prayer Band, comprised of a group of Taylor students, meets the first and third Monday evenings of each month for intercessory prayer.

"In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

It is here the needs and requests are brought and made known to the One who said, "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you."

Although we may never know in full the loads which have been lifted and the hearts who have been strengthened both here and throughout the world because we prayed; yet we will never forget the times of spiritual refreshing our lives have received during this prayer hour in Society Hall.

As members of Prayer Band, we know from experience that by interceding for others our own lives are enriched.

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Why Have Youth Conference?

Amid all of the hurry and anxiety of a busy school year, when seemingly everybody is taxed to the limit both mentally and physically, we find ourselves preparing for one of the most strenuous tasks of Taylor life — Our Interdenominational Youth Conference. Rather naturally, the sincere question arises from many conscientious and honest hearts—*Why are we having Youth Conference this year?*

Let's stop long enough to consider what our Saviour, Jesus Christ, would have done under circumstances such as these.

One day he came face to face with a similar issue. The question was "whether to have a spiritual conference with the Samaritan woman or not." There were many logical, sincere and legitimate reasons for his refusal. For instance: He was tired and hungry; He would risk His reputation; she was of loose moral character; according to the time of the day it was proper to rest. All these were reasons against Jesus holding the "Conference." There was but one reason in favor—she had a vital need. This reason was enough! The conference was a success!

There are many reasons why we should call off Youth Conference this year. The gas ration; the food ration; the boys in service; the smaller student body; tenseness of the times. There is only one reason on the other side of the ledger—Youth needs the Christ-way of life, perhaps more than any generation of young people for many years.

This has been the determining factor in setting up this year's Youth Conference: Not so much our resources as their needs. This is our only excuse for having a conference. This is reason enough.

COLLEGE

Kaleidoscope

Gordon Bell: "The American people seldom have goiters because they don't eat enough, but the German people have goiters because they eat too much."

Lew Wilson: "My goiters won't hold my socks up any more."

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Miss Alford: "Now, girls, when serving our guests, please don't wear any jewelry."

B. J.: "I haven't anything valuable, but thanks for the warning."

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B. Behnken: "When charity is needed, I'm always the first one to put my hand in my pocket."

Johnson: "Yes, and you always leave it there until the danger is over."

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Nurse: "You cough more easily this morning."

Barney: "I should, I practiced twelve hours last night."

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Cop: "How can you tell how fast you are going without a speedometer?"

Enright: "When I'm going twenty the bumper rattles, at thirty the headlights rattle, at forty-five the windshield rattles, and at fifty I rattle."

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Dr. Barnard: "Can you think of anything you can do better than anyone else?"

George Holcombe: "Yes, read my own writing."

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Luella: "Let's buy some peanuts."

Millie: "No, thanks, they're fattening."

Luella: "What makes you think peanuts are fattening?"

Millie: "Did you ever see an elephant?"

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Inez: "I know where you have your new shoes."

Esther: "Where?"

Inez: "On your feet."

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Bob Deich: "Jaul, you're acting like a baby."

Jual: "I can't help it, I was born that way."

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Pastor Paul Clasper, bending over the crib to look at a tiny babe (on his first pastoral call): "Is this your youngest child? How old is he?"

Mother of baby: "Yes, that's our youngest, she's four weeks old."

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Paris Reidhead: "Dean Ritchie, may I have the afternoon classes off to go shopping with my wife."

Dean Ritchie: "No!"

Paris: "Thanks."

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Miss Guiler's car stalled over in Marion. She sat there while the light changed red, yellow, green, red, yellow, green, etc. A polite policeman came up. "What's the matter, lady, ain't we got no colors you like?"

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SCIENTIFIC LECTURE AT LYCEUM .

LIFE IN NATURE

Feb. 23.—Taylor University was honored tonight with a lecture by Frank Johnson, who was, as he said, a newspaperman interested in the great future of chemistry. His lecture was primarily on synthetics and he exhibited a great number of articles made from synthetics and plastics.

He began his talk by saying that, although we should deplore war in any form, inventions resulting from war shortages compress into a period of months the scientific advances of decades. And, after the war, he predicted, there would be an era of prosperity due to these self-same inventions such as the world has never seen before.

Citing some examples, he showed how our huge chemical industry was a direct outgrowth of the last war. Our imports of German dyes and other chemicals were cut off, so we had to either make our own or go without. We made our own, and, incidentally, built up the largest chemical industry in the world.

Did you ever hear anyone say that we are living in the Plastic Age? Mr. Johnson says that a thousand years from now people will look back on the rest of the twentieth century as the Plastic Age. Plastics have been developed which, after the war, will revolutionize industry. Automobiles, airplanes, houses, and many of the other "good things of life" will be made from plastics having a wide range of different properties. Such plastics as Lucite, that amazing substance which looks like glass but which has the property of conducting light around corners and which is already finding wide use, will be the common manufacturing raw materials of tomorrow.

The ancients, Reporter Johnson said, thought that there were only four elements—earth, sun, air, and water. We, in our supposed wisdom, have discovered and classified ninety-three elements, but, when we see the tricks that chemistry is playing with the commonest substances, we are forced to conclude that maybe the ancients were right after all—that there are only four basic elements. For everything in the new world of plastics and synthetics seems to boil down to just exactly that. In view of this, Mr. Johnson predicts a post-war prosperity for the farmer such as he has never seen before. Hundreds of new substances with exciting possibilities can be easily manufactured from the waste farm products. This, coupled with new developments to make farming easier, may result in a new "back to the farm" movement that will solve some of the problems of present-day America.

Among the new plastics and syn-

thetics just discovered or just put into use are the following: Herculite—a glass stronger than steel; bubble-glass—a glass lighter than cork and much superior for life preservers as it is practically indestructible; glass wool—finer than the finest silk. Not practical for clothes, but makes a fine insulator for houses, refrigerators, etc. Palco—a cloth made from the bark of the California redwood tree which is now being used extensively for Army overcoats; and aralac—a wool-like fiber made from skim milk.

In rubber, that great concern of all car owners, the newspaperman showed several types of synthetic rubbers now being produced in the United States. Among them was Neoprene, which is impervious to oils, greases, and the other enemies of natural rubber.

In closing, Mr. Johnson stressed the theme of his talk again—that nothing is impossible and that, through chemistry, we are beginning to scratch the surface of that more abundant life which lies before us. He closed with an impressive pledge reiterating his belief in the Creator and in the ability of his creation, man, to progress to a richer life.

T. U. Debaters At Tournéy

"Resolved:—United Nations—Federal Union—"

It was with a feeling of eagerness mixed with disappointment that the T. U. debaters under the tutorship of Professor Dennis headed for North Manchester last Friday morning. Something valuable, the person, Miss Wallace, whom Prof. has considered our star debater, was left behind, being judged by Miss Shomo R.N. too ill to make the trip. "We missed you, Martha Nell."

One has not truly debated until he has matched his logic with logic from other colleges and his with other perhaps more keen than his own and with possibility of more sharpening over relative books and magazine articles and with scars of earlier season battles of which T. U. this year has had but few.

Some of the high lights of the tournament were first of all a surprisingly large percentage of young lady debaters, due, I suppose, to the loss of men by so many schools to the armed forces. Professor Dennis lost a night's sleep partly because he didn't want to wake C. Rutchman by going to sleep, but mostly because he could

I see sweet charity in our flowers,
In birds and bees and woodland bowers.

Lies hope in love—calls of all nature,
Earth's strength is found in rock formations.

Wild life gives and takes its part,
Good God gives man his life and mark.
—By Howard Ruppelt

not remember turning his car lights off when putting it away for the night. Taylor, Springer, Yocum, and Brown lost most of a night's sleep mainly because they were all four put in the same room. The evening for them turned out to be a combination of research, logic, and organization, mixed with both rare and stale jokes and baked in the heat of laughter and groans. It was served with a few gymnastics and impersonations and topped off about—well, we won't say, by an occasional thud of a pillow upon "Lil Abner's" ear as he endeavored to go to sleep. Finally, "Papa" Springer thought it time to explore the "land of Nod" and "Foghorn" Taylor's appeals in behalf of the morrow's contests proved in vain. The day was done.

The negation skipped Friday evening's banquet because of ill success Friday afternoon and Taylor spent his breakfast hour in concentration. He made up for both meals with a cafe lunch Friday evening consisting of 3 cheeburgers, 2 breaded tenderloins, 2 pieces of pie and 1 pint of ice cream. His efforts, too, were well repaid in Saturday's three debates. He and Springer won over Capital and Manchester, but lost to Northwestern's highly tooted affirmative by a narrow margin. One wonders if they lost on points or because the opposition was of the fairer sex and quite adept in the arts of make up, smiles and even an occasion wink of the eye.

Taylor's affirmative carried by Yocum as first speaker and with Rutchman and Brown trading off as second, managed one victory and that over Manchester, thus making three wins out of 12 matches for Taylor; not bad considering the size of the other schools represented. There were 28 affirmative teams in the A division.

Manchester deserves praise for the fine banquet given for the debaters Friday evening and for the organization of the tournament.

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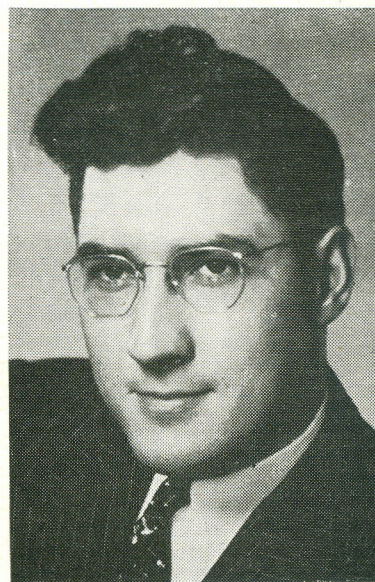
This year's theme is taken from the first line of the beautiful Conference chorus "Christ Living in Me" which sums up the whole purpose for such a gathering.

The 1943 Conference is outstanding for the fine speakers on the program. Dr. J. E. Windsor, pastor of Columbia Methodist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio is the main speaker, as he was two years ago. Deeve Brown and Milo Rediger, well known Taylor graduates help fill out the speaking schedule. Dr. Stuart will again bring the Sunday morning message.

Many changes and adjustments were necessary due to war conditions. For the first time in Youth Conference history a special transportation department was set up to bring those who might be forced to come to neighboring towns by trains and buses. Each person attending the conference was asked to bring one can of some fruit or vegetable to help with the obtaining of food.

Although the quantity of the student body was smaller this year the cooperation was most efficient. Without such help a conference of this proportion could never be launched. Registrations show that young people from Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York are enjoying the conference as well as the usual large number of Hoosiers.

In war times like these it is inspiring to know of such a gathering which is designed for but one purpose—to inspire youth to live Christ-Centered lives.



James Bertsche

Ping Pong Tourney Completed

Activities in the girls' phy. ed. department has been rather quiet the last two weeks. In fact the only action took place in the Ping-Pong tournament. Lack of events was repaid by the interest shown in this one sport. The girls put on some great matches and the final outcome showed the following girls finishing in the money. First place went to Ginny Shuppert. Marge Arnold took second. Third place was captured by Norma Hoke, and fourth by Dotty Kintner.

In the boys' division the Intra-mural activities were the same as in the girls' department. Ping-Pong furnished the activity. The rough and tough slamming of the little white ball entertained quite a few during the matches. When the smoke had cleared Dave Graber was found perched on the top rung. Bob Chambers was in second place; and Earl Pope gained the third rung by pushing John Siner into fourth.

Ginny Shuppert and Dave Graber met to decide the school championship, and Dave came through.

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Big Bill Leaves For Air Corps

With Uncle Sam's call to the colors of all Army Air Corps Reserves, he took Big Bill Abel, Junior member of the Trojan cage team. It's time that the current season is over and that he wouldn't be needed until next season, nevertheless, he has gone. Bill's height was an asset to any team and will be missed very much. Big Bill transferred from Franklin and for the past two years, has been instrumental in the success of the Trojans. Yes, Bill had the ability to play ball and we predict it will be many a moon before Bill is duplicated on T. U.'s campus. His fighting ability and aggressiveness made him a tough boy to stop. Bill should make good in the Air Corps and all of us here wish him "God's speed."

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interest in Birdie and added romance to the performance in their "Touching" love scene. Phyllis Steiner as Amy Arnold, a bright, efficient Junior, and Linwood Barney as Mark Watson, the college yell leader appeared on the moonlit scene to break up the romantic two-some between Hamilton Hunter, leader of the Glee Club, and Marjorie Blackwood, belle of the college campus, played by Bill Kimbrough and Gwendolyn Glenwood. With considerable practice and coaching Bill developed into a modern Romeo and Gwen realistically appeared as his Juliet.

Marion Brown achieved new authority in the part of Miss Agatha Lockstep, house-mother at the girls' dormitory. Don Rose as Dr. McSpadden, the dignified college president, was well taken care of by his attractive wife, portrayed by Marjorie Arnold. Their willful daughter, Dolly, who was chosen May Queen, was taken by Ruth Steiner, who put herself completely in the part. Bonnie Gould as Snooze Andrews and Count brought forth many laughs with strange accents and clever speeches. He very quickly learned the part which was formerly had by Wilbur Stevenson, who was recently called by the Air Corps. Lowell Cline aptly portrayed the part of the smart young motor cop, Dan Flannigan, and added excitement and laughter to the plot.

The colossal success of the operetta is due to the combined efforts of the

whole Philalethean Society sponsored by Prof. Kreiner. Jeanne Blackburn did an excellent job in rehearsing and directing the operetta and was very ably assisted at the piano by the accomplished Marie Kitts. Myrle Mae Miller as General Director put much labor and effort in getting the many things prepared and accomplished. Charles Swartz, as Stage Director and Constructor, Paul Trumbauer, as lighting manager and Paul Yaggy as Publicity Chairman all worked very hard in their various capacities.

The clever costumes were gotten by Bonnie Weaver; the properties such as the colorful garlands were made under the supervision of Frances Guindon and Ila Hoffman; the make-up was applied by Phyllis Creaser, Faith Glenwood and Mabel Busch; and the prompters (who really weren't used) were Phyllis Creaser and Eunice Staley.

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secret panel, and much to his horror and humiliation comes tumbling through the panel in bright red pajamas for the biggest laugh of the evening.

Finally the jewels are discovered, and Arthur reveals his greed for jewels in one last attempt to acquire them. Erma willingly returns them to Yami, who in a magnanimous manner presents them to Erma and Mac for a wedding present, denouncing his own tribe and determining to follow a better way. Aunt Sophis ends the play with that startling revelation—"Erma—Erma, I've found my teef."

The cast of Tiger House played to a well filled house, who enjoyed the humor and horror alike. Backstage we saw many things. Miss Zeigler making up the characters (realistically too); Bob Deich and Melvin Kahl rolling beehives on a drum head and flashing lights for the sound and lighting effects of rain, thunder, wind, and lightning. Professor Crane and Jo Stuart hunched over play books to prompt, (even though it was not necessary), and Doris Kaparoff giving cues and doing general odds and ends. To John

Siner, Cecil Smith and their committees much praise is due, for their excellent work as property and stage managers.

To the Thalos, that was a fine performance, of which you can well be proud! The Thalos want to express their appreciation to Professor Dennis, for his patience and help in directing "Tiger House," and to the student

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